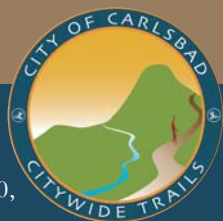




## Carlsbad Citywide Trails

### Program Mission Statement:

“Provide a trails system that ensures the recreational and leisure needs of Carlsbad residents while supporting the protection and preservation of open space in accordance with the City of Carlsbad General Plan.”



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# National Trail Day—June 7, 2008



The first Saturday every June is designated National Trails Day (NTD) in the United States. On that day every year more than a million hikers, bikers, equestrians, and others take part in thousands of events nationwide in celebration of America's trails. These events include new trail dedications, workshops, educational exhibits, equestrian and mountain bike rides, rollerblading, trail maintenance, and hikes on America's favorite trails. National Trails Day is organized nationwide by the American Hiking Society, a national nonprofit trail advocacy group based in Washington, DC. All events, however, are planned and carried out

at the local level by conservation and recreation organizations, trail clubs, and land managing agencies. Originally established in 1993, NTD has grown to approximately 3,000 events across the country.

### Goals of National Trails Day

The objectives of National Trails Day not only include promoting public awareness of and appreciation for America's trails, but also encouraging cooperative efforts among different trail users, including hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, walkers, runners and anyone else who enjoys being on the trail.

On Saturday, June 7th, National Trail Day was celebrated in Carlsbad with a hike and a mountain bike ride in the open space area around Lake Calavera. The Recreation Department hosted this event thru it's Special Events programs and did not disappoint the 75 trail seekers who came out for a great trail experience. The hikes were led by trail enthusiast and trail volunteer Kevin Skjei, a nearby resident of Calavera Hills and Erik Trogden of SD MBA, led mountain bikers on designated trails. Following the trail hikes and bike rides, a presentation on emergency preparedness was given by Dave Harrison, City of Carlsbad Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.



Information on the City's expanding trails system, rattlesnakes, safe hiking preparation, trail regulations, and the importance of native habitat protection were also part of the educational focus for the day's events surrounding the National Trail Day experience.

# Second Saturday Volunteer Trail Work at Veterans Park



On Saturday July 14, at 8:00 AM, trail volunteers were pleasantly greeted by the HRS (Habitat Restoration Sciences) crew who volunteered both manpower and equipment for improvements to the existing Veteran's Park trails. Prior to the volunteer event HRS repaired major erosion and volunteers put the finishing touches to the trail surfacing work that was donated by HRS.



*"I only went out  
for a walk,  
and finally concluded  
to stay out till sundown,  
for going out, I found,  
was really going in."*

—John Muir



Completion of this work in such a short amount of time, would not have been possible without the generous contributions of HRS volunteers, Mark Girard, Pete Trotta, and Kevin Morrison and the fine range of equipment that they donated; equipment which is specifically used for trail work throughout San Diego County.



This partnership proved to be just what the trail doctor ordered and was given the nod of diagnosis "cured" by Gary Hill by the time the volunteers and HRS left the site on Saturday afternoon. The following trailwork was completed:

- Fencing to close an unsustainable trail
- Trail re-route around the contours of a hillside, rather than down the fall line
- Fill of major ruts and erosion on existing trails
- Corrective grading of existing trails (outsloping)
- Trail Signage
- Invasive plant ( fennel) removals
- Litter pick up
- (Additional lodge pole fencing will be completed on Second Saturday in July.)



This project proves once again that Carlsbad has the best trail volunteers and that with the partnership of local companies such as HRS, who have the desire to give back to the community, spectacular outcomes can be realized.





## Trail Safety and Community Outreach

Residents, various open space land managers, trail volunteers and the Carlsbad Lagoon Foundations were invited to provide input on current trail and open space safety issues. Hosted by the City's internal Trails Safety and Open Space Impacts Team, 4 group meetings were held in the month of June to give stakeholders and those who use the trails, or who have concerns about the trails the opportunity to provide valuable input to City staff. Information from those who attended the meetings will be taken into consideration as staff formulates recommendations to City Council later this year on Trail Safety. Specific Carlsbad trail topics that were covered at the meetings included response capabilities of public safety staff and the means for reducing the impacts of non permitted activities on trails and adjacent habitat and open space.

## Become a Trail Volunteer

Join the many dedicated citizens who care deeply about the Citywide Trails. Citywide Trail Volunteers are critical for preserving, maintaining, protecting, developing and operating trails in Carlsbad for public use. It's a great way to have fun, keep fit and learn about our unique environment-all while making a lasting contribution that will benefit the community for generations to come. If you would like to become a trail volunteer, please contact Sue Irey, Community Volunteer Coordinator at 434-2929, or sign up at: VolunteerinCarlsbad.net

## Know of a Trail in Need? Call us.

Have you discovered a trail maintenance need out on Carlsbad's Trails? If so please contact Michael Bliss, at Park Maintenance at 434-2985. We appreciate your volunteer service to the Carlsbad community in reporting all trail maintenance needs. If there's a graffiti problem out on any of the trail amenities, please call the Graffiti Hotline at 434 6700.

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# Welcome to the New 2008 Trail Volunteers

January — June

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Cathleen Toth  
Micki Brown  
Humberto Gonzalez  
Humberto Gonzalez, Jr.  
Michael Wells  
Olga Grow  
Kristy Olsen  
Michael Heck  
Brendan Johnson  
Tonya Wood  
Haeja Spitzer  
Amy Linback  
Chris Leigh  
Wanda Stiles  
Mike Heck  
Ken Cutler  
Gerald Rea  
Rhonda Gallery  
Linda Torres  
Cynthia Runge

## Contribute to Happy Trails Newsletter.

If you have an idea for an article please contact the Trail Volunteer Newsletter Editor, Micki Brown by email at [mickibrown@gmail.com](mailto:mickibrown@gmail.com).

## Please Note:

*In December 2007, the Recreation Administration offices moved from the City Hall complex at Carlsbad Village Dr. to the second floor of the Senior Center at Pine Avenue. The new address is: Recreation Administration, 799 Pine Avenue, Suite 200, Carlsbad, CA 92008*

## New Trail Development



Trail Development is underway in the Robertson Ranch area. The newest trails being built are along College Avenue and Cannon Road as part of the roadway improvements. In addition trail construction is also underway in Robertson Ranch in the open space area that connects the East and West Villages of the development, as well as a trail connection to the future City park near the intersection of College and Cannon Rd.



## Mark Your Calendars!

Quarterly Trail  
Volunteer Meetings:

All Quarterly Trail Volunteer  
meetings will be held at 5:00 PM  
at the Carlsbad Senior Center,  
799 Pine Avenue.

September 18  
December 11